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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Charles J. Stouffer et al Art Unit : 3727
Serial No. : 09/434,507 Examiner : Joseph Man Moy
Filed : November 5, 1999
Title : HIGH PRESSURE ISOSTATIC PRESSURE BONDING OF HOLLOW
BERYLLIUM PRESSURE VESSELS USING A BONDING FLANGE

Mail Stop Amendment

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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW SUBMITTED UNDER 37 CFR §1.2

Appellant thanks the Examiner for discussing the procedural status of this application with the undersigned on October 4, 2004 and November 30, 2004. During these interviews, the Examiner told the undersigned that the Examiner had performed a search of the diffusion bonding art, in accordance with the request made by the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences (the Board) in the remand of October 23, 2003. The Examiner also told the undersigned that the Examiner did not find any art in this search that was relevant, and thus, the Examiner did not cite any new art in the Office Communication dated March 9, 2004 or in any other Office Communication before remanding the case to the Board on October 5, 2004.

Applicant believes that submission of this document is proper, as it provides a summary of the two telephonic interviews mentioned above, and as it clarifies issues on Appeal before the Board, especially in view of the fact that the Board requested that the Examiner perform such a search. A copy of this submission is being provided to the Board.

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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this submission. Nevertheless, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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